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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Mark O. Worthington et al.
Application No. : 09/378,878
Filed : August 23, 1999
For : METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ANALYZING
OPERATIONAL AND NONOPERATIONAL DATA
ACQUIRED FROM OPTICAL DISCS
Group Art Unit : 2752
Examiner : Not yet assigned

New York, New York 10020
November 3, 1999

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Hon. Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 15, 16, 17, 24, 26, 28, 31-34, 39, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59, 61-63, 75, 82, 85, 89-91, 93, 107-112, 117-119, 133, 148, 159, 163, 182, 184, 186, 187, 188, 192-197, 200-202, 205, and 206 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for analyzing data acquired by reading an optical disc having at least one readable [nonoperational structure] analyte-specific signal element, said method comprising identifying a pattern in said data that reports a physical property of said [nonoperational structure] at least one readable analyte-specific signal element.